

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tanida

Serial No.: 10/670,277

Filing Date: September 26, 2003

For: Martensitic Stainless Steel and Method for Manufacturing the Same

**EXPEDITED PROCESSING**  
**RULE 312 AMENDMENT**

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Examiner: Koehler, R.

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance, and in conjunction with the undersigned's discussion with Examiner Koehler on July 8, 2004, this amendment is being filed to correct an oversight in the claims and the specification. Please amend the application as follows: